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**Subject:** Rosemont Mine, AZ

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From: Helmlinger, D Peter COL USARMY CESP (US) [mailto:Peter.Helmlinger@usace.army.mil]  
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Subject: RE: Rosemont Mine, AZ

Dear Ms. Strauss,

Thank you for your note and kind offer of assistance from EPA Region 9 regarding the Department of the Army (DA) permit application for the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine in southern Arizona, referred to me for resolution and a decision by my Los Angeles District Commander last summer.

To date, the applicant has not requested an approved jurisdictional determination (AJD) from the Corps for the proposed mine site. However, if such a request is made by the applicant to the Corps, we'll certainly coordinate appropriately with EPA Region 9 in issuing an AJD.

Also, our review and evaluation of the DA permit application continues, but we fully expect our review to be completed soon with a permit decision thereafter.

Very Respectfully,

Pete

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rosemont Mine, AZ

Dear Colonel Helmlinger,

I'm writing with regard to the Rosemont mine permit application, having recently received a copy of your December 28, 2016 letter to Huiday regarding the status of their permit application. As referenced in your letter, EPA's concerns with the project remain as reflected in the administrative record, particularly with respect to degradation of Cienega Creek and the resulting violation of water quality standards. Your letter indicates a technical meeting with Huiday may be scheduled as follow-up to your December site visit.

Given our long-standing partnership with your district and division teams on this matter, I offer any assistance EPA's Clean Water Act (CWA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) managers and staff can provide in preparation for the meeting. Should Huiday decide to seek an approved CWA jurisdictional

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determination (JD), we are ready to engage with you on the necessary follow-up coordination, in keeping with the December 21, 2016 joint memos signed by EPA's Joel Beauvais and the Corps' Gen. Donald Jackson on improving JD and permit coordination.

Kind regards,

Alexis

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